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1. AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED WE ARE MAKING EXTENSIVE AND WE BELIEVE EFFECTIVE EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE TRANSIENT POPULATION AT CLARK AIR BASE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. YOU MAY HAVE LATER COUNT AT CLARK THAN AVAILABLE HER, BUT ACCORDING OUR FIGURES IN 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING MIDNIGHT ZULA TIME APRIL 24, 3456 PERSONS FLEW OUT OF CLARK WHILE 283 ARRIVED. EXPECT C. 2000 IN ON 25TH BUT OUTFLOW SHOULD REMAIN WELL ABOVE THAT LEVEL.

2. WE CANNOT GIVE EXACT ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WE WOULD SEEK TO STAGE THROUGH THE PHILIPPINES IN THE FINAL EVACUATION PERIOD. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES WE ARE WORKING WITH THE FIGURE OF 50,000 EVACUEES, OF CONFIDENTIAL

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WHOM WE WILL MOVE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE DIRECT TO GUAM. HOWEVER, MANY OF THE ARICRAFT WE ARE USING CANNOT FLY NON-STOP FROM SAIGON TO GUAM, OR COULD DO SO ONLY WITH A REDUCED LOAD, AND IN ANY EVENT THE ABILITY TO TURN AROUND

AT CLARK WOULD GREATLY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE  
COULD MOVE IN A GIVEN TIME. THEREFORE WE WOULD LIKE TO

OFF-LOAD SOME AIRCRAFT AT CLARK FOR ONWARD TRANSFER OF  
PASSENGERS FROM THERE TO GUAM AND UNITED STATES SAFE-  
HAVEN POINTS.

3. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ASSURE IN COOPERATION WITH  
THE PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES, THAT REFUGEES DO NOT LEAVE  
THE BASES, IN ANY WAY ENDANGER PHILIPPINE SECURITY, OR  
BECOME A BURDEN TO PHILIPPINE SOCIETY.

4. IN LATER STAGES OF THE EVACUATION WE MAY WELL FIND  
SURFACE VESSELS, BOTH NAVY AND CHARTER, HEAVILY LOADED  
WITH REFUGEES, EXCEEDING THEIR CAPACITY FOR CARE OF  
PEOPLE OVER A LONG VOYAGE. WE WOULD THEREFORE HOPE IT

WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PUT THESE REFUGEES ASHORE AT SUBID  
BAY NAVAL BASE, IN ORDER TO TRANSLOAD THEM ABOARD  
AIRCRAFT FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT, TO AVOID THE EXTREME  
HARDSHIP AND POSSIBLE LOSS OF LIFE THAT WOULD RESULT  
FROM EFFORTS TO TAKE THEM TO US PORTS DIRECT.

5. WE MUST ALSO REALISTICALLY RESPECT THAT IN THE  
FINAL STAGES OF EVACUATION VIETNAMESE AIRCRAFT AND SHIPS  
WILL HEAD FOR THE NEAREST POINT, WHICH IN MANY CASES  
MAY BE THE PHILIPPINES. WE CANNOT CONTROL THIS TRAFFIC  
BUT HOPE SUCH REFUGEES WILL NOT BE TURNED AWAY BY THE  
COUNTRIES WHERE THEY SEEK REFUGE. WE HAVE ASKED  
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AND VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS  
TO ASSIST IN ONWARD MOVEMENT AND RESETTLEMENT OF RED  
FUGEES IN ALL COUNTRIES WILLING TO SHARE THE RESPONSI-  
BILITY. (STATE 92890). THE US IS PREPARED TO EXERCISE  
RESIDUAL RIGHTS TO MAP FURNISHED EQUIPMENT HELD BY  
VIETNAMESE FORCES.

6. WE HAVE BEEN FULLY CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO AVOID  
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EMBARRASSING THE PHILLIPINES WITH REFUGEES WHO ARE  
POLITICALLY CONTROVERSIAL AS INDIVIDUALS, AND HAVE  
ALREADY TAKEN PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID THIS PROBLEM. YOU  
MAY ASSURE MARCOS THAT ANY SUCH INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE  
LANDED IN THE PHILIPPINES INADVERTENTLY WILL BE MOVED  
ON VIA THE NEXT AVAILABLE PLANE.

7. IN PRESENTING THESE POINTS TO MARCOS YOU SHOULD  
ALSO ADVISE HIM THAT WE HAVE NO DESIRE TO ABUSE  
PHILIPPINE HOSPITALITY OR TO SADDLE THE PHILIPPINES  
WITH RESPONSIBILITIES IT DOES NOT WISH TO ASSUME. HOW-  
EVER, THE PHILIPPINES IS IN A POSITION TO PLAY A KEY  
ROLE IN A HUMANITARIAN RESCUE OPERATION AND WE HOPE FOR

COOPERATION IN THAT UNDERTAKING.

8. FOR SAIGON AND MANILA. WITH REGARD TO POINT CITED  
IN PARA SIX ABOVE, SPECIAL CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO  
INSURE THAT UNDERTAKING IN PARA SIX IS FULFILLED. KISSINGER

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